very meagre. For example, in Block 32 of the Trilokpuri area, where there were 300 people earlier, only 15 have returned now. And, one reason for this is, those who perpetrated the crimes at that time are still roaming in the area unpunished. Will the Government consider taking action against those people whose names have been mentioned in the FIR and also in the Committee's report earlier and will it also improve the conditions in the rehabilitation colonies until these people return to their homes ?

SHRI M. M. JACOB : Yes, Sir. The Government is closely monitoring the exercise of taking steps against the people, official and non-official, who were involved in the riots. But, a certain delay occurred because of the stay orders obtained from various courts. The functioning of the Committee also got delayed. The matter is in the process and various stages of investigation. Some have already been completed, some are undergoing the next stage. Various stages of the proceedings are on. This is the present position.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

सेना के जवानों की शिकायतों के निराकरण हेतु एक स्वतन्त्र निकाय की स्थापना

*81. श्री ईश दत्त यादव : क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार सेना के जवानों की शिकायतों के निराकरण हेतु एक स्वतन्त्र निकाय की स्थापना करने पर विचार कर रही है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) इसकी स्थापना कब तक कर दिये जाने की संभावना है ?

रक्षा मंत्री (श्री शरद पवार) : (क) जी, नहीं ।

(ख) और (ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठते ।

Facility to MPs to Purchase in Auction Army Vehicles and Defence Stores

*82. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any facility or preference given to Members of Parliament to purchase in auction old army vehicles, cars and other equipment;

(b) if so, what is the total number of vehicles and cars given in such auctions to MPs during the years 1990 to 1992; and

(c) whether any preference is shown to MPs in army stores where items of household articles are marketed, if not, whether Government propose to extend the benefits to the Members of Parliament under this scheme ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR) : (a) to (c) There is no policy for giving preference to Members of Parliament in the auction of Army vehicles and other Defence equipments. However, they are eligible to apply, during their tenure, for allotment of a maximum number of 3 Army disposal vehicles comprising Jeeps, Jongas, Ambassador Cars (not more than one) and Motor Cycles, subject to their availability.

Allotment orders for 346 Ambassador Cars, 703 Jeeps, 51 Jongas and 107 Motor Cycles were issued to the Members of Parliament (both Lok Sabha & Rajya Sabha) during 1990 to 1992 (up to 24-11-1992).

Household articles and other daily necessities are sold to Defence personnel by Unit Run Canteens, which are retail outlets owned and controlled by the Units/Formations of the Defence Services, and run under their private Regimental arrangements. These Unit Run Canteens are serviced by the Canteen Stores Department of the Ministry of Defence. The facilities of the Unit Run Canteens are available only to the Defence Service personnel, ex-Servicemen and other specially entitled categories, and not open to others. There is no proposal at present to extend this facility to Members of Parliament.